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Sources

The study of close air support for Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s, army is based mainly on primary materials located in two superb government repositories. The United States Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, maintains an important World War II collection of air-ground records and invaluable after action reports prepared by the U.S. Third Army. The comprehensive archival collection of the United States Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, provided the bulk of the primary sources on tactical aviation's role in general and of the XIX Tactical Air Command's support of Third Army operations in particular. Among these records, the XIX Tactical Air Command file, General O. P. Weyland's personal papers, and the XIX Tactical Air Command's unit histories proved especially rewarding. The materials at both repositories can be examined in their original hard copy forms. Specific archival listings cited below also identify other valuable records examined for this history.

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